

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

28. (Currently amended) A network communication system comprising:

at least a host device;

a first communication device; and

a second communication device,

wherein the second communication device is connected with the first communication device by obtaining from the host device primary connecting information for connecting to the first communication device,

wherein when the first communication device prefers a direct call from the second communication device in the future, the first communication device sends to the second communication device identity information for identifying one of an identity for an operator of the first communication device and an identity for the first communication device, the identity information including none of the primary connecting information,

wherein the second communication device stores the primary connecting information from the host device and the identity information from the first communication device,

wherein for future communications, the second communication device displays the identity information to the operator of the second communication device, and

wherein the second communication device calls for the first communication device in accordance with the primary connecting information corresponding to a ~~selected~~ selecting of the identity information ~~therein~~.

29. (Currently amended) A method for operating a network communication system including at least a host device, a first communication device, and a second communication device, the method comprising the steps of:

connecting the second communication device with the first communication device by obtaining from the host device primary connecting information for connecting to the first communication device;

when the first communication device prefers a direct call from the second communication device in the future, sending to the second communication device identity information for identifying one of an identity for an operator of the first communication device and an identity for the first communication device by the first communication device,

the identity information including none of the primary connecting information, and the identity information being sent from the first communication device;

storing the primary connecting information from the host device and the identity information from the first communication device within the second communication device;

for future communications, displaying the identity information ~~to its operator~~ but none of the primary connecting information to ~~the~~ an operator of the second communication device by the second communication device; and

calling for the first communication device by the second communication device in accordance with the primary connecting information corresponding to a ~~selected~~ selecting of the identity information therein.

30. (Currently amended) A first communication device comprising:

receiving means for receiving identity information for identifying one of an identity for an operator of ~~a first~~ a second communication device and an identity for the second communication device ~~itself~~, and for receiving primary connecting information for connecting to the ~~first~~ second communication device, the identity information including none of the primary connecting information;

storage means for storing the identity information and the primary connecting information ~~thus received~~;

display means for displaying the identity information ~~to its operator~~ but none of the primary connecting information to the an operator of the first communication device for future communications;

selecting means for selecting ~~a certain~~ the identity information; and

connecting means for connecting to ~~a~~ the second communication device ~~corresponding to the identity information and the primary connecting information~~ in accordance with the primary connecting information corresponding to the selected identity information.

31. (Currently amended) The first communication device in accordance with claim 30, wherein the first communication device is capable of sending to a third communication device ~~other than the communication device corresponding to the identity information~~, the

identity information and the primary connecting information ~~received from another communication device.~~

32. (Currently amended) The first communication device in accordance with claim 31, wherein ~~when the identity information and primary connecting information received from another communication device does not correspond with that of the communication device,~~ the first communication device contacts a the second communication device ~~corresponding to the primary connecting information thus received,~~ and on receipt of an authorization from the ~~connected~~ second communication device indicating that the identity information and the primary connecting information may be sent to another a third communication device from the first communication device, the first communication device is able to send to a the third communication device ~~other than the connected communication device~~ the primary connecting information and the identity information ~~thus received.~~

33. (Currently amended) The first communication device in accordance with claim 32, wherein the authorization is obtained when a the first communication device ~~corresponding to the primary connecting information and the communication device~~ is directly connected to the second communication device.

34. (Currently amended) The first communication device in accordance with claim 30, wherein a message indicating that an authorization being given is displayed when the authorization is obtained.

35. (Currently amended) The first communication device in accordance with claim 30, wherein when a certain piece of identity information is selected from self-owned identity information, the first communication device specifies and displays ~~that from which a~~ communication device from which the selected certain piece of identity information is obtained.

36. (Currently amended) The first communication device in accordance with claim 30, wherein the first communication device displays information on a relative relationship

between another communication device which is directly connected to the communication device and the communication device.

37-38. (Cancelled)

39. (Currently amended) The first communication device in accordance with claim 36, wherein when a desired relative information is selected, the communication device distinguishably displays the selected relative information and unselected relative information.

40. (Cancelled)

41. (Currently amended) The first communication device in accordance with claim 32, wherein a message indicating that an authorization being given is displayed when the authorization is obtained.

42. (Currently amended) The first communication device in accordance with claim 33, wherein a message indicating that an authorization being given is displayed when the authorization is obtained.

43. (Currently amended) The first communication device in accordance with claim 31, wherein when a certain piece of identity information is selected from self-owned identity information, the first communication device specifies and displays ~~that from which a~~ communication device from which the selected certain piece of identity information is obtained.

44. (Currently amended) The first communication device in accordance with claim 32, wherein when a certain piece of identity information is selected from self-owned identity information, the first communication device specifies and displays ~~that from which a~~ communication device from which the selected certain piece of identity information is obtained.

45. (Currently amended) The first communication device in accordance with claim 33, wherein when a certain piece of identity information is selected from self-owned identity information, the first communication device specifies and displays ~~that from which a~~ communication device from which the selected certain piece of identity information is obtained.

46. (Currently amended) The first communication device in accordance with claim 34, wherein when a certain piece of identity information is selected from self-owned identity information, the first communication device specifies and displays ~~that from which a~~ communication device from which the selected certain piece of identity information is obtained.

47. (Currently amended) The first communication device in accordance with claim 31, wherein the first communication device displays information on a relative relationship between another communication device which is directly connected to the first communication device and the first communication device.

48. (Currently amended) The first communication device in accordance with claim 32, wherein the first communication device displays information on a relative relationship between another communication device which is directly connected to the first communication device and the first communication device.

49. (Currently amended) The first communication device in accordance with claim 33, wherein the first communication device displays information on a relative relationship between another communication device which is directly connected to the first communication device and the first communication device.

50. (Currently amended) The first communication device in accordance with claim 34, wherein the first communication device displays information on a relative relationship between another communication device which is directly connected to the first communication device and the first communication device.

51. (Currently amended) The first communication device in accordance with claim 35, wherein the first communication device displays information on a relative relationship between another communication device which is directly connected to the first communication device and the first communication device.

52-55. (Cancelled)